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PROPOSITION MADE BY BROTHERHOODS

RAILWAYS TAKE PROPOSAL FOR PEACE UNDER CONSIDERATION.—NEITHER WOULD OFFICIALLY DISCLOSE TERMS OF THE PROPOSITION.

New York, Aug. 19.—The five great railroad brotherhoods, which have stepped into the nationwide shopmen's strike as mediators, today offered to the roads what they term a practical proposition for peace, and the roads took the proposal under consideration.

Neither side would officially disclose the terms of the proposition. In some quarters close to the conferees, it was said, that acceptance of the proposal by the executives would result in the immediate return of all strikers to their old jobs with full and uninterrupted seniority and pension rights, and retention of men hired since the strike.

The proposition on the other hand was outlined in other quarters as providing for restoration of strikers as rapidly as possible, with their seniority rights to be adjusted ultimately to the satisfaction of all.

The proposal in these quarters was understood to be on the basis of a gentleman's agreement which those close to the conferees said would give due respect to the rights of the new men. This agreement, it was said, would assure jobs to both the strikers and the so-called new men, since railroad and brotherhood officials have stated that they could use 150 per cent. of their normal shop-craft forces to prepare for the resumption of coal mining and the transportation of a bumper crop.

The gentleman's agreement, it was understood, would provide that the question which will arise at the end of the busy fall season would be handled as it has been in other years—according to the usual weeding out process.

The whole plan, it was unofficially indicated, would mean that without any apparent surrender by either the railroads or the shopcrafts, the strikers would not suffer any more in the long run than would be usual after an industrial struggle of this kind.

A committee of nine executives, appointed to meet the brotherhood men, listened to this proposition, hastily summoned a general meeting of the representatives of 148 roads which probably will be held here next Tuesday, then fixed the next meeting with the mediation committee for next Wednesday in this city.

It was revealed tonight that a proposal which, to use the language in which it was expressed by several of the labor leaders, "would assure the strikers of all their seniority rights, unimpaired, without necessitating a retreat by the executives from their stand for protection of 'loyal and new men,'" was virtually accepted by the rail chiefs when yesterday's conference ended.

The executives, it was declared, had fully accepted such a solution of the seniority question, in behalf of the full membership of the Association of Railway Executives, whom they represented.

REV R. C. GRIER PREACHES

Dr. R. C. Grier of Due West preached in the Presbyterian church yesterday morning and evening to large congregations. He was accompanied by E. B. Grier. They were entertained while in the city at the home of Mr. C. A. Haigler on North Main street.

CHARLES A. HAIGLER HOME

Charles A. Haigler, Jr., surprised his home people Saturday night by walking in for a visit. He is now with the Atlanta Gas and Power Company, and has just finished a radio which he brought along and will install for the pleasure of his home people.

REIGN OF SILENCE FOLLOWS ADDRESS

HARDING SPEECH BRINGS NO DEMOCRATIC COMMENT.—BOTH CAPITAL AND LABOR AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND HOW PRESIDENT STANDS.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Save to applaud the platitudinous statement that this is a nation of law and must so remain, and to agree that the butcher of citizens in Herrin, Ill., was most deplorable, Democratic members of congress remained queerly silent regarding the message delivered by the president today.

The Democratic leader, Senator Underwood, asked directly for a statement, declined on the ground of the possibility that certain sections of the message might be transformed eventually into a bill and that it would be proper for him to reserve judgment pending future developments. Such a possibility unquestionably moved other Democrats to silence. Remarks, however, made with the understanding that they would not be published left no doubt but that the message because of lack of aggressive thought or language was a keen disappointment. It was declared by some that as between capital and labor the president was so excellently balanced in his criticism that both would have difficulty in determining his exact opinion.

It was the general conclusion that the president's recommendation that a national agency, properly financed, be created for the distribution and pricing of coal was a contribution by the secretary of commerce, Herbert Hoover. From hasty investigation, it is indicated that there will be actual rather than imaginary suffering before congress will even temporarily turn private property in time of peace over to federal supervision. It was said by well informed members that if the coal industry showed improvement in its output, as promised, it would be impossible to pass a government control bill. Such a measure under improved conditions might not even be attempted, it was pointed out, especially in view of the president's suggestion that hasty action be not undertaken. At the same time it is known that Secretary Hoover is very anxious that the government distribute and maintain fair prices for coal at least during the approaching winter. That there might be legislation providing for an investigation of the coal business was regarded as possible, especially if the president should become insistent.

The consensus of informal opinion among all save partisan Republicans seemed to be that the president had come to congress just as both strikes had "petered" out with an admission that despite strenuous and long sustained effort the administration had been able to accomplish very little, if anything, in the matter of composing industrial differences.

BIG GAME WEDNESDAY

Anderson comes to Abbeville Wednesday to play off a postponed game. Unless all signs fail this will be the big game of the season. Barring bad luck, the two leading teams will go into this game with not more than a half game between them, and this game should go a long ways towards settling the flyer of the rag. It would be a good thing for every fan to begin to save up fifty cents now in order to be able to get in and get a seat on the grandstand.

LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES

August 31st will be the last day to pay taxes. They will be turned over to Sheriff McLane on Sept. 1st for collection. Those who have not yet paid taxes should keep the date in mind.

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL BE READY

RECHECKING OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.—FEDERAL TROOPS TO BE PREPARED TO AID IN TWO STRIKES IF NECESSARY.

Washington, Aug. 20.—In order to be prepared for any emergency that might be made upon it in the present industrial situation, the war department is rechecking the occupational qualifications of the enlisted men of the army and compiling information making quick action possible in the event that federal troops are called upon for duty in the coal or rail strikes.

As a part of the department's general policy of preparedness, corps commanders are understood to have been requested to advise officials here how many men under their command have had experience in railroad work and in what particular branch of railroad service each is most competent. Similar information regarding other trades is understood to have been gathered by the department in other cases in the past.

Thus far no requests for federal troops have been received by the department in connection with either the coal or rail strike, but Secretary Weeks and his advisers have taken the position that should a request come they should be prepared immediately to place all pertinent information before the president. The order regarding qualifications of enlisted men in railroad work was said to be based wholly upon this desire for preparedness and to indicate no change of policy on the part of the federal government.

TO HELP HAIL SUFFERERS

Abbeville Will Build Road to Help Hail Sufferers in County.

Ex-Sheriff R. M. Burts and ex-sheriff Joe M. Ashley of Anderson were in Abbeville this morning in the interest of the new road to be built from the Anderson County line to the Greenwood County line down near Ware Shoals. Abbeville county will build about six miles of this road which is being constructed for the benefit of the hail sufferers in Anderson, Abbeville and Greenwood counties. Farmers who lost their crops will take their teams, hands and implements and use them in the work on the road, for which they will be paid a reasonable price.

DEATH TO BONUS APPEARS LIKELY

SENATE THREATENS COMPENSATION MEASURE.—POSITION OF PRESIDENT TO GOVERN COURSE IN UPPER HOUSE.—VETO WOULD KILL.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Despite the appreciable number of senators who are moved by clamor and the approach of the elections, the bonus for former soldiers is in jeopardy. A majority of the members of the senate today voted to postpone the consideration of the bonus bill until Wednesday. This was taken to mean that if the issue was postponed until after the elections the bonus bill would be beaten.

The debate on the bonus bill will be short or extensive according to revelations from the White House. If the president promises to veto the bill the vote may be had soon. If he hesitates the vote will be postponed. If he agrees to veto, the indications are that it will be impossible to pass the bill through the senate despite the veto. In other words, the situation from the standpoint of those clamoring for a bonus as reward for their service to the flag is precarious. This is the general opinion following an unofficial canvass of the senate tonight. In the direct vote, not more than 30 senators will oppose the bonus. But more than 30 will refuse to support the bill over and against the veto of the president.

According to the unofficial poll some of the ablest Southern senators are against the bill. These include Senators Underwood of Alabama, Dial and Smith of South Carolina, Glass of Virginia, Williams of Mississippi and Shields of Tennessee.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Comes to a Close Next Friday.—Examinations Held Last Day.

The three-weeks summer school which has been held in the graded school for the past two weeks comes to a close this Friday with examinations for all who have attended as well as all other pupils who have conditions being held on the last day. If necessary additional examinations will be held on Saturday. Those pupils who wish to stand these examinations are requested to notify Mr. Fulp so that questions may be made out before hand.

MUST TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT PUBLIC

GOVERNOR DAVIS OF OHIO ASKED TO PROTECT PUBLIC IN PRICE OF COAL PRODUCED IN THAT STATE.—WILL WELCOME SOME ARRANGEMENT.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Immediate action for the proper protection of the public in the price of coal produced in Ohio was asked of Gov. H. L. Davis today by Secretary Hoover. A telegram from the Ohio governor to the commerce secretary declared that coal operators in that state would welcome some sort of voluntary arrangement for establishing fair prices in Ohio.

West Virginia was brought into the line with Kentucky prices today by Federal Fuel Distributor, Spencer who allowed coal operators in that state a maximum of \$4.50 a ton at the mine. The previous fair price prevailing in that state was about \$3.50 but Gov. E. F. Morgan of West Virginia suggested the increase to meet the new scale agreement.

Further increases of fair price maximums to the new \$4.50 a ton level were expected by federal coal officials, who indicated that as governors of the various states recommended increased prices to meet changed conditions the necessary action would be taken by Mr. Spencer.

Pending enactment of legislation as suggested to congress by President Harding for the creation of a federal coal purchasing agency, some officials believe that volunteer fair prices probably will approximate about \$4.50 a ton at the mines unless production reaches a point where charges would drop automatically.

The coal purchasing agency to be created by congress is expected by administration officials to take the form of the United States grain corporation, which controlled the prices of grain during the war. Legal complexities involved in the problem of peace time price control, officials believed, would be avoided by the adoption of such an expedient as sufficient coal operators probably would be willing to cooperate with the government in maintaining a price at which coal would be sold to the corporation which would in turn fix the price for fuel in interstate commerce.

Similarly it was thought the various states could set up like agencies for the maintenance of fair prices within their boundaries for the coal produced therein or received by way of federal distribution.

SET HAIR ON FIRE WITH CURLING IRONS; DIES

Long Beach, N. Y., Aug. 19.—Her hair set afire by the short curling of wire in an electric curling iron, Mrs. Izetta McGill youthful wife of the groundkeeper at Lido golf club, suffered burns, that caused her death early today.

Attracted by the screams of the young woman, her husband smothered the flames with blankets. She died soon after being taken to a hospital.

SEEING THE WORLD.

The Press and Banner is in receipt of a card from Mr. Julius M. Visanska, of Charleston. It is written from Lyon, France, and in it Mr. Visanska states: "We are having a wonderful trip. Have visited the battle fields at Reims, Soissons and Chateau Thierry, also the Chateau country and motored through the beautiful French Alps."

HEAT KILLS TEN

Chicago, Aug. 19.—With temperature in Chicago today hovering around 78 the weather bureau announced the heat wave which has held the city in its grip for the last two days was broken. Ten persons died here as a result of the heat.

SENATE PASSES TARIFF MEASURE

TWO THOUSAND AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL.—FORDNEY-McCUMBER MONSTROSITY OPPOSED FROM ALL SIDES CAUSES APPREHENSION

Washington, Aug. 20.—The senate has passed the Fordney-McCumber tariff act, regarded as the most atrocious tax measure of this age. The senate amended the house bill in 2,000 particulars, and even went to the extent of changing the basis from which the rates were reckoned. As a result, there is a prodigious task facing those who will act as conferees.

Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, declares with emphatic gesticulation that there will be no tariff bill unless the senate accepts American rather than European values as a basis for rate making. It is regarded as probable, however, that at the proper time, Mr. Fordney will recede. The rates in the senate bill are already so high that a large proportion of the Republican press bitterly criticises the completed work, and as American values would automatically increase the rates to a still higher plane, it is certain that neither the president nor the senate would automatically increase the rates to a still higher plane, it is certain that neither the president nor the senate would agree to a change.

The bill, as passed by the senate, contains a provision giving the president the power to increase or lower rates 50 per cent. whenever he is convinced that despite the tariff wall American manufacturers can not compete with European.

This provision was written, it is understood, in order that Republicans might be able to escape liability and culpability for the bill as a whole. In fact, however, the provision puts into the hands of the president, one individual, the taxing power of the government. He will depend on the tariff commission for recommendations and information, and the tariff commission will depend on a research clerk.

Senator Underwood, Democratic leader, bitterly fought this provision. He declared it represented a cowardly surrender by congress of its prerogative; that it was an admission of incompetency; and that it was highly dangerous to lodge in one individual the power to increase at will, the cost of living to the American people. Senator Walsh of Montana, opposing the provision, read from a speech by President Harding, when the president was a senator bitterly protesting against a similar proposition when it was even suggested as a means of taking the tariff out of politics.

The tariff will be an issue in the forthcoming congressional elections. The Republicans admittedly fear it. The Democrats believe it will sweep them again into power.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN MEETINGS

The County Campaign meeting will be held at Donalds Thursday, Aug. 24; Due West Friday, 25th and Abbeville Court House, Saturday the 26th.

MAYOR'S COURT.

Two cases came up before the Mayor this morning, one drunk, fined \$5.00 and one for hitching a team on the street, fined \$1.00.

COTTON MARKET.

The highest offered for cotton on the local market today was 23 cents. Futures closed:

Oct.	22.96
Dec.	22.96
Jan.	22.54
March	22.80



BIGGEST LOGCRAFT COMPLETES THOUSAND MILE OCEAN VOYAGE.

Aided by two U. S. Navy Mine Sweepers the largest log raft ever built, ended its voyage successfully by sea from the Columbia River to San Diego, Cal., recently. The log raft approximately 900 feet long, broke loose twice and was on the verge of going ashore and breaking up. Besides "carrying itself" it served as a barge, carrying a million shingles, half million lath, and 30,000 feet of telegraph poles.